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## **Knight Inducted as Member of Government's Senior Executive Service**

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 2, 2003) -- Edna Knight was recently selected for induction into the ranks of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and will serve as deputy director for Accounting Services for the U.S. Army, at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Indianapolis.

The Senior Executive Service--the men and women charged with leading the continuing transformation of government--possess well-honed executive skills and share a broad perspective of government and a public service commitment which is grounded in the Constitution. The keystone of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the SES was designed to be a corps of executives selected for their leadership qualifications, not their technical expertise.

Knight comes to DFAS from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service where she served as Director of Financial Management Systems. In her DFAS position, Knight will support director for Accounting Services for the U.S. Army, Steve Bonta, for delivery of all DFAS services including the central disbursement of over \$54 billion annually to Army and Defense Agencies, and as central site director for DFAS Indianapolis.

Previously, Knight served in the USDA Forest Service as Director for Financial Reports and Reconciliation. From April 1988 to October 1998 she served at the U.S. Customs Service in Indianapolis. She began her 19-year federal career with the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division - first as a student co-op; then, after graduation from college, as a Special Agent.

A native of New Palestine, Indiana, Knight holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and an associate's degree in data processing from the University of Indianapolis. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager.

### **About DFAS**

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the world's largest finance and accounting service operation. In fiscal 2002, DFAS paid 5.7 million people, processed more than 11.2 million contractor invoices, made 7.3 million travel payments and disbursed more than \$346.6 billion while reducing overall costs to customers by \$144 million. For more about DFAS, please visit: <http://www.dfas.mil>.

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